

BUSINESS & LABOREXHIBIT NO. 3
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BILL NO. SB253**Testimony against Senate Bill 253: Tracey Duncan**

Chairman Balyeat, and committee, for the record my name is Tracey Duncan. I am here representing myself, as a bartender at the Overland Express. I also teach dance at Queen City Ballet and am a full time student. I oppose bill 253 because I live off of my tips. My paychecks are generally \$230 every two weeks which is not even enough to cover my rent, my tips are the majority of my income. The amount of tips I make is not consistent, some days are much worse than others. I have to save my tips after every shift in an effort to be able to pay all my bills. Because my paychecks are so small, most months I have a certain amount of money that I have to make from tips in order to make ends meet. If any amount of my tips is taken away I dont have enough money for basic living expenses. I am putting myself through school, I barely make it by with my tuition and books, and some months I have to not pay some bills so that I can pay my rent, or buy gas and groceries. If this bill were to pass I am positive that I would be making less money and would struggle even more to stay afloat financially. I ask the committee to reject this bill.